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SUBJ: SPANISH SAHARA: AGREEMENT TO HOLD FOUR-POWER TALKS

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1. MFA DIRECTOR OF NORTH AFRICAN AFFAIRS TOLD EMBOFF
JUNE 13 THAT AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE HAD BEEN REACHED AMONG
SPAIN, MOROCCO, ALGERIA, AND MAURITANIA TO HOLD MEETING
ON SAHARA IN RESPONSE TO GOS PROPOSAL OF MAY 23. NO
AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED AS YET, HOWEVER, ON MODALITIES
OF PLACE, TIME AND AGENDA.

2. MFA HAS RECEIVED ENCOURAGING REPORTS FROM ITS EMBASSIES
IN THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES INDICATING THAT ITS PROPOSAL
FOR FOUR-POWER TALKS, COUPLED WITH CATEGORIC LANGUAGE
ABOUT DECISION TO LEAVE SAHARA,HAD BEEN WELL RECEIVED.
GOS HAD MADE THIRD WORLD COLLABORATION AND SUPPORT ONE
OF PRINCIPAL PILLARS OF FOREIGN POLICY AND DECOLONIZATION
OF SAHARA HAD TO BE TERMINATED SOON IN ORDER TO KEEP THIS
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PILLAR INTACT. IN DIRECTOR'S VIEW, SPAIN COULD NO LONGER

BE ACCUSED OF "NEO-COLONIALIST" ATTEMPT TO PRESERVE SOME INTERESTS IN SAHARA.

3. DIRECTOR REPORTED THAT MFA HAD REASON TO BELIEVE THAT REPORT OF SPECIAL MISSION OF UN COMMITTEE OF 24 WOULD END UP ON SIDE OF NEED FOR CONSULTATION OF SAHARANS AND POSSIBILITY OF SELF-DETERMINATION. HE ALSO NOTED THAT PRESIDENT OF ANOTHER ISLAMIC AFRICAN COUNTRY WITH AN INTEREST IN PROBLEM, MALI, REPORTEDLY TOLD PRESS IN ALGIERS JUNE 12 THAT PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF SAHARAN ISSUE HAD TO BEGIN WITH ASPIRATIONS OF SAHARANS THEMSELVES.

4. EGYPTIAN FONMIN FAHMI WAS EXPECTED TO DISCUSS SAHARA WITH FONMIN CORTINA DURING VISIT JUNE 13-15 AND DIRECTOR SAID MFA HAD IMPRESSION THAT GOE LEANED TOWARD SOLUTION INVOLVING AVOIDANCE OF CONFLICT IN AREA AND SELF-DETERMINATION.

5. MFA WAS BUSY PREPARING NEW DOCUMENTATION TO REFUTE MOROCCAN PRESENTATION AT ICJ IN ANTICIPATION OF FIRST PUBLIC SESSIONS JUNE 25.

6. UNDER SEC ROVIRA TOLD AMBASSADOR LATE JUNE 13 THAT IN LIGHT OF PRES REPORTS THAT DAY INDICATING OULD DADDAH'S DOUBTS THAT FOUR-POWER CONFERENCE WOULD BE HELD, GOS HAD NO CLEAR PICTURE AS TO THE POSSIBILITIES FOR SUCH A CONFERENCE.
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